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Pol/econoff delivered the demarche to the U.S. desk officer at the Hungarian MFA on March 20. MFA responded on March 27, that Hungary embraces the U.S. platform of humanitarian aid and recovery assistance, supports a cease-fire and believes the borders should be open immediately. MFA will support the conference as State Secretary, Laszlo Varkonyi, will attend the conference and give remarks on Hungary's financial contribution. The amount or scope of the contribution is not yet known. Foley